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1. ON MY INVITATION, GUAYAQUIL STAR-KIST AGENT VICENTE YULEE CAME TO CONGEN ON DEC. 19 TO DISCUSS U.S. TUNA VESSEL "DAY ISLAND" HAD EXPERIENCED IN SALINAS (REFTEL). YULEE STATED BASIC PROBLEM WAS LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY IN DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY FAILURE TO GET ORGANIZED FOR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER ECUADOR'S NEW FISHING LAW. ECUADOREAN CON GEN HAD NOTIFIED DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES OF PURCHASE OF LICENSE AND MATRICULA FOR "DAY ISLAND" BUT THAT OFFICE HAD FAILED TO PASS ON WORD TO ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN ECUADOREAN PORTS (E.G., SALINAS, MANTA, ESMERALDAS).

2. YULEE SAID MATTER WAS COMPLICATED AND MADE MORE DISAGREEABLE BECAUSE AGENT OF PORT CAPTAIN CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT "DAY ISLAND" WAS CARRYING CONTRABAND GOODS AND SUBJECTED BOAT TO SEVERAL SEARCHES. YULEE MAINTAINED, AND I AGREE, THAT IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE FOREIGN FLAG BOAT WITH CONTRABAND WOULD SAIL OPENLY INTO ECUADOREAN PORT. BOAT DEPARTED SALINAS AS REPORTED REFTEL.

3. ON OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING TUNA FISHING, YULEE SAID THAT
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REGULATION PROHIBITING FOREIGN FLAG FISHING WITHIN 40-MILES OF

COAST (QUITO'S 8555, 8634) WAS MERELY POLITICAL MOVE TO SATISFY DEMANDS OF NATIONAL FISHERMEN, ESPECIALLY COOPERATIVES OF ARTESAN FISHERMEN, WHO WERE PUBLICLY COMPLAINING THAT FOREIGN FLAG BOATS WERE CATCHING ALL THE FISH IN THE SEA (QUITO 8076). YULEE CLAIMS THIS WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON FOREIGN FLAG BOATS BECAUSE IT MOST DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, MOST FISHING DONE IN AREA 50 TO 70 MILES FROM COASTS. HE CONTENTS THAT IF GOE HAD REALLY WANTED TO PUT BRAKE ON FOREIGN FLAG BOATS, FISHING ZONE WOULD HAVE BEEN SET AT 80 MILES FROM COAST, NOT 40 MILES. YULEE, REFLECTING ATTITUDE OF OTHER COASTAL CONTACTS, SAID U.S. TUNA FLEET WOULD BE ONLY SLIGHTLY EFFECTED BY PROVISION PRECLUDING LICENSE PURCHASE OF BOATS OVER 600 NRT AND ADDED THAT SPANISH FLEET WOULD BE HIT HARD. (APPARENTLY FACTS CONCERNING U.S. TUNA FLEET AS DESCRIBED STATE 276065 NOT WIDELY UNDERSTOOD BY COASTAL FISHING ENTERPRISES.)

4. YULEE, WHO IS ALSO AGENT OF CANADIAN TUNA COMPANY, AGREED WITH OTHER CONGEN CONTACTS THAT TUNA FISHING OFF COAST OF SOUTHERN ECUADOR IS EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD THIS YEAR (GUAYAQUIL 1429). HE SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION THAT U.S. TUNA FLEET WOULD BE STRONGLY TEMPTED TO ENTER ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS AFTER FIRST OF YEAR HAD BEEN REINFORCED BY HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH NICK TRUTANICH, CAPTAIN OF "DAY ISLAND". IATTC QUOTA ON YELLOWFIN CATCH WILL END DEC. 31 THUS BEGINNING OPEN SEASON ON FISH OF THIS SPECIES (YULEE CLAIMS THAT "DAY ISLAND" HAD BEEN FISHING MORE THAN 600 MILES OUT AND THUS NOT SUBJECT TO YELLOWFIN QUOTA.)

5. YULEE SAID THAT PROVISION FOR CONFISCATION OF CATCH OF UNLICENSED BOATS IS OF SERIOUS CONCERN, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE NO ONE WILL KNOW HOW THIS PROVISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL FIRST UNLICENSED BOAT IS CAPTURED. HE STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THIS SECTION OF GOE LAW WILL PROVIDE VERY STRONG INDUCEMENT TO FOREIGN FLAG TUNA BOATS TO PURCHASE ECUADOREAN MATRICULA AND LICENSE.
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